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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 56

**Introduced by Assembly Members Steinberg, Chan, Daucher,
and Liu**
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Nakano and Pavley)
(Coauthors: Senators Alpert, Florez, Karnette, and Ortiz)

December 2, 2002

An act relating to child preschool programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 56, as amended, Steinberg. Child care, development, and education.

~~Existing law, commonly referred to as the Compulsory Education Law, subjects pupils between the ages of 6 and 18 to compulsory full-time education.~~

Existing law, the Child Care and Developmental Services Act, establishes various full- and part-time programs for a comprehensive, coordinated, and cost effective system of developmental services for children to age 14 and their parents. ~~Existing~~ *Other existing* law, the Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program, permits, until January 1, 2011, school districts to participate in the program to provide kindergarten preparedness opportunities to increase a child's readiness for school.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature that the state develop a strategy to ensure that children have access to *quality* preschool programs, *as provided*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that
- 2 California develop a cohesive strategy to ensure that children have
- 3 access to quality preschool programs, including programs that
- 4 employ qualified staff.
- 5 (b) *It is further the intent of the Legislature to begin*
- 6 *implementation of this strategy by making quality preschool*
- 7 *programs available to the children who can most benefit from*
- 8 *them.*

